

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re PATENT APPLICATION of  
Applicants : Fuminori Satoji et al.

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AMENDMENT

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**Mail Stop AF**  
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Dear Sir:

The preliminary amendment is filed in reply to the Final Office Action delivered on December 7, 2010, together with the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. 1.114. The Office is requested to consider the amendment and remarks provided hereafter.